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Susan Boeding
Vice President, Technical Services & Development
Seneca Foods Corporation
418 East Conde Street
Janesville, Wisconsin 53546

Re: Docket No. 86P-0510

Dear Ms. Boeding:

This is in response to your letters of May 25, 1999, and July 13, 1999, to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) accepting the agency's invitation to participate in the extended temporary market testing of "Canned Green Beans" that was granted to Thread Brothers, Inc. on January 21, 1987. The product will deviate from the U.S. standard of identity for Canned Green Beans (21 CFR 155.120) in that it will contain added zinc chloride in the packing medium in an amount reasonably necessary to retain the green color of the test product (up to 75 parts per million of zinc in the finished food). In all other respects, the test product will conform to the standards for Canned Green Beans and Canned Wax Beans.

For the purpose of this permit, the name of the test products will be "Cut Green Beans." The information panel of the labels will bear nutrition labeling in accordance with 21 CFR 101.9.

Relying on the representations made in your application, we are hereby granting your request to make interstate shipments for test marketing purposes of 75,000 cases, each containing 24 14.5 ounces (411 grams) cans of cut green beans. Finished labels must be submitted to the Branch Chief, Food Standards Branch, HFS-158, Division of Programs and Enforcement Policy, Office of Food Labeling, ~~Before~~ the product is shipped in interstate commerce. t m a y b e manufactured at the following locations: Seneca Foods Corporation, 3732 South Main Street, Marion, New York 14505, Seneca Foods Corporation, 100 Gambia Road, Geneva, New York 14456, and Seneca Foods Corporation, 1055 Elm Street, Cumberland, Wisconsin 54829. The product will be distributed by Seneca Foods Corporation nationwide. Each of the ingredients used in the food must be declared on the labels as required by the applicable sections of 21 CFR part 101.

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While this permit is in effect, FDA will refrain from recommending regulatory action against shipments of "Cut Green Beans" covered by this permit on the grounds that the food fails to comply with 21 CFR 155.120.

Sincerely yours,

Virginia L. Wilkening
Acting Director
Office of Food Labeling
Center for Food Safety
and Applied Nutrition

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GCF-1

HFA-224

HFS-305

HFS-1

HFS-4

HFS-22 (P#65743)

HFS- 150

HFS-151

HFS-155

HFS- 158 (Satchell, Hockensmith, s/f, r/f)

HFS-636 (Wade)

HFR-MW300 (MIN-DO)

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Init:HFS-158:FBSatchell:7/26/99

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